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For : METHOD FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS CAPABLE
OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE WITH RAGE

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 22, 2006
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 22, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The Office Action provides a one-month period for filing a response. Therefore, a response was originally due on September 22, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is \$1020.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension, a response to the August 22, 2006 Office Action is now due December 22, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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